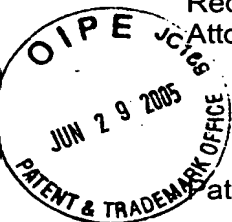


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Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO errors and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following errors appear in the patent as printed:

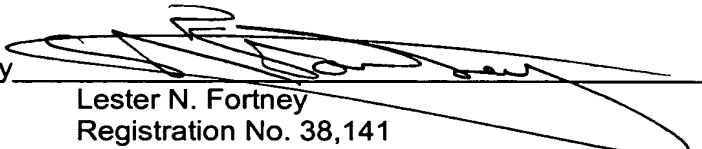
Column 12, Line 18. Claim 17, "means lever" should read
-- means in an upward position toward said apertures, said lever
actuating means including a pivoting lever --

(See Amendment of 05/17/2004, pages 7-8, Claim 22, lines 14-16.
Claim 22 issued as Claim 17.)

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 12, Line 18, Claim 17, "means lever" should read
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, Applicant submits the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, Terminal Disclaimer, and the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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members forming an opening, and a locking means for releasably locking said first and second telescopic members in an extended position, said locking means including a movable member, said movable member including an extended and circular element adapted to enter said opening and contact said first and second telescopic members to maintain said first and second telescopic members in a locked relationship, and high leverage release means mounted on one of said telescopic members to move said movable member and said counterpart out of contact with said first and second telescopic members to permit slidable movement between said first and second telescopic members,

said tow bar assembly further including a lever actuator means including a non-resilient latch plate pivotally mounted on the first member with a pin means depending therefrom, bias means for continually urging the latch plate and pin means toward said apertures opening, said lever actuating means including a pivoting lever member having an upwardly extending projection engaging the underside of the latch plate, the pivot points of the latch plate and the lever member being so disposed relative to each other and projection to permit high leverage release of the pin means from the second aperture opening, wherein the lower actuator means provides a mechanical advantage of at least 10:1.

22. (Previously Presented) A tow bar assembly comprising first and second telescopic members, said second telescopic member connectable to said first telescopic member and slidable within said first telescopic member, said first and second telescopic members forming an opening, and a locking means for releasably locking said first and second telescopic members in an extended position, said locking means including a movable member, said movable member including an extended and circular element adapted to enter said opening and contact said first and second telescopic members to maintain said first and second telescopic members in a locked relationship, and release means mounted on one of said telescopic members to move said movable member and said counterpart out of contact with said first and second telescopic members to permit slidable movement between said first and second telescopic members,

said tow bar assembly further including a lever actuator means including a latch plate pivotally mounted on the second member with a pin means extending upwardly therefrom, bias means engaging the latch plate at its underside for maintaining the pin means in an upward position toward said apertures, said lever actuating means including a pivoting

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lever having a cam portion engaging the underside of the biasing means, the cam portion when engaging the biasing means providing a high leverage force of the latch plate, and when disengaged, allowing the latch plate and pin means to gravitationally drop from the apertures.